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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME, REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, AND RESPONSE

Sir:

The following remarks are submitted pursuant to, and concurrently with, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and are responsive to the Final Office Action mailed October 6, 2006 ("Office Action") and the Advisory Action mailed on March 30, 2007 ("Advisory Action"), in the above-identified application.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time within which to submit a response, thereby extending the period within which to file a response up to and including July 6, 2007. Applicants previously filed a Notice of Appeal on April 6, 2007. Accordingly, this submission is responsive within the paid-for extensions of time.

Please charge **Deposit Account No. 50-0206** in the amount of \$910.00 to cover the RCE (\$790.00) and extension of time (\$120.00) fees. It is believed that no other fees are required for entry of this response, but should any fees be necessary, the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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